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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Venkat Perungavoor	2132	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2008.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-17 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-17 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/30/2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 11-15, filed 6/30/2008, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-17 under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Blatter in view of Rosenow have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of US Patent 2003/0057994 to Braun et al.(hereinafter Braun) and US Patent 2006/0152090 to Hubert et al.(hereinafter Hubert).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent Patent 5717582 to Duong in view of US Patent 2003/0057994 to Braun et

al.(hereinafter Braun) and further in view of US Patent Publication 2002/0194121 to Takayama.

Regarding Claim 1, 13, 17, Duong discloses a potential detection section which detects a predetermined potential applied to a serial bus terminal see Fig. 1 item 10; a power supply section which supplies the predetermined potential to each component part as a source potential upon detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section see Col 3 Ln 16-31; an information detection section which detects command information supplied to the serial bus terminal see Col 3 Ln 40-46;

Duong does not disclose the switch and the encryption process. However, Braun discloses

a determining section which determines a key operation mode for performing a process in accordance with at least operating information supplied from an operation switch operated by a user arranged on a body, before the information detection section detects the command information and after the potential detection section detects the predetermined potential see Par. 0044 & Par. 0029, and

which changes the key operation mode to a command operation mode for performing a process in accordance with the command information supplied to the serial bus terminal, after the information detection section detects the command information see Par. 0016.

It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include switch in the invention of Duong in order to have a interface for modes as taught in Braun see Fig. 1.

And further, Duong nor Braun disclose the encryption process. However, Takayama discloses the encryption process see Par. 0076. It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the encryption process in

the invention of Duong in order to provide a secure channel between entities as taught in Takayama see Par. 1178.

Regarding Claims 2-5, 14-15, Braun discloses the changing of modes in response to drop in potential and dual mode operation see Par. 008.

Regarding Claims 6-12, 16, Braun discloses the changing of modes after lapse of time and the external source supplying the voltage see Par. 0040.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkat Perungavoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2132
August 5, 2008

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